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DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO PRESIDENT'S PARTY FOR THE
SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND ASST SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MEETING WITH OWEN

1. I SAW DAVID OWEN FOR HALF AN HOUR THIS AFTERNOON.
ALTHOUGH RECENT REUTERS SUMMARY OF ANDY YOUNG'S
ZIMBABWE TIMES INTERVIEW HAS THE PRESS AND POLITICIANS
BOILING HERE, PARLIAMENT IS IN RECESS AND THE NEWSPAPER
DISTRIBUTORS ARE ON STRIKE. DAVID IS PROUDLY COOL AND
REAFFIRMS HIS APPRECIATION OF ANDY. HIS REAL GRIPE IS
THAT ANDY SEEMS TO THINK HIS PUBLIC DEPRECATION OF
BRITISH ATTITUDES SOMEHOW IS HELPFUL TO THE CAUSE
WHEREAS IN FACT IT PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF THE VERY
REACTIONARY POLITICAL ELEMENTS ANDY IS MOST DISTRESSED
BY.

2. DAVID IS SENDING HIS OWN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED
SCENARIO WITH RESPECT TO A PF MEETING TO BE HELD IN
LOOSE CONJUNCTION WITH A GENERAL MEETING. THIS WILL
REACH YOU THROUGH BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON CHANNELS
SINCE HE WANTED THE PM TO BE ABLE TO SEE IT IN TRANSIT.

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3. IN GENERAL HE WOULD AGREE TO LOW-GRAHAM TOUR TO TRY
TO PUT TOGETHER THE COMPREHENSIVE MEETING AND THE PRE-
LIMINARY PF MEETING. AS OF NOW, HOWEVER, HE WOULD BE
LEERY ABOUT CONVENING THE LATTER WITHOUT AGREEMENT BY
ALL PARTIES TO THE FORMER. HE BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT
YOU AND HE SHOULD HANDLE BOTH MEETINGS IN PERSON, AND
THEREFORE TIME AND PLACE SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO SUIT YOUR

CONVENIENCE. HIS MESSAGE WILL OF COURSE SPEAK FOR
ITSELF. BREWSTER

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